

79. (New) The method of Claim 78, wherein dynamically generating said regions of interest surrounding each of said segments comprises dynamically forming a substantially elliptical region of interest around each of said segments.

80. (New) A computer readable medium, containing computer executable interactions for performing any of the methods of Claims 66-79.

81. (New) A computing apparatus operative to perform the methods of any of Claims 66-79.

In the Abstract:

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The present invention provides a method and system for depicting an online map of a route along with any incidents on the route. To create the map, a consumer first provides the origination and destination addresses of the route, then a proposed route is provided for their approval. The consumer may modify the proposed route or accept it. Next, the route is analyzed to determine if any incidents have occurred upon it. This analysis comprises preparing the route by creating regions of interest around segments composing the route, examining if any traffic incidents fall within one or more of the regions of interest, and determining for those incidents if the incident is closer than a threshold value to any segment on the route. The final route along with any incidents on the route is then depicted for the consumer.

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